

Verbs that are followed by **To** or **ING** with difference in meaning

Remember

Do you remember **to watch** / **watching** this film? It was so amusing.

He remembers **to learn** / **learning** new words. He wants to get a good mark tomorrow.

Please remember **to buy** / **buying** some milk. We haven't got any in the fridge.

Forget

How could he forget **to buy** / **buying** flowers yesterday? Mom was sad without them.

I forgot **to take** / **taking** my glasses, but I was relieved as saw them in my bag.

I will never forget **to meet** / **meeting** my best friend for the first time.

He forgot **to lock** / **locking** the door when he went out. His flat was burgled.

Regret

She regrets **to take up** / **taking up** scuba diving lessons. They were so expensive.

Go jogging. You won't regret **to do** / **doing** it as you'll get fit soon.

She is crying. I regret **to tell** / **telling** her about bad exam results.

Stop

I've stopped **to buy** / **buying** the newspaper because now I read the news online.

He stopped the video **to ask** / **asking** the students some questions.

She had to stop halfway through the race **to fix** / **fixing** her bike

Try

She tried **to read** / **reading** the whole book but it was very long and complicated.

I'm trying **to learn** / **learning** Japanese but it's very difficult.

Have you tried **to turn** / **turning** the computer off and on again?

See - watch - observe - notice - hear - listen

I like listening to the birds **sing** / **singing** when I get up early in the morning.

I was able to watch them **build** / **building** the new shop from my office window

I noticed him **throw** / **throwing** some litter on the floor, so I asked him to pick it up.

When you came out of the station, did you notice the children **play** / **playing** musical instruments across the street?

Choose the correct option

1. You'll be OK. I **remember** _____ really nervous on my first day too!
2. We **noticed** Matthew _____ in the gym but we couldn't talk as we left early.
3. **Try** _____ the video with subtitles. This might help you understand better.
4. Vicky **heard** someone _____ the door.
5. He says he feels a lot better since he **stopped** _____ so much bread.
6. I **felt** the snake _____ me and I was shocked.
7. I'd **forgotten** _____ to Canada when I was small, but my parents showed me the photos.
8. While leaving home she **saw** her neighbor _____ in the garden.
9. I always **forget** _____ my alarm for Monday morning.
10. He was terrified after he had **heard** the bomb _____.
11. He's **stopped** _____ French classes and changed to Spanish.
12. I **saw** a woman _____ (fall). She was badly injured.
13. Have you got hiccups? Have you **tried** _____ a glass of water?
14. I **noticed** her quickly _____ the necklace inside her coat and leave the shop.
15. I **watched** Nick _____ a kettle to boil some water.
16. **Remember** _____ your swimming costume in case we go to the pool.

